

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): An access control device including:  
electronic identification means, and  
an audio communications device, wherein the electronic identification means and the audio communications device are included in a single unit and are configured to use access a common physical the same communications system, and ~~wherein the access control device controls~~ cable to control access to a physical area or region.
2. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the electronic identification means is in the form of a card reader.
3. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the electronic identification means includes a key pad.
4. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the audio communications device is in the form of an intercom.
5. (currently amended): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the audio communications device includes the ability to play pre-stored audio clips.
6. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein data shared between the electronic identification means and audio communications device is in a format that can be transmitted from the access control device over a single communications cable.

7. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 which can be activated or controlled by a remote operator.

8. (previously presented): An access control device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the audio communications device is bi-directional.

9. (previously presented): A control system which incorporates an access control device as claimed in claim 1.

10. (previously presented): A method of installing a control system characterised by the step of installing an access control device as claimed in claim 1.

11. (previously presented): A monitoring system which incorporates an access control device as claimed in claim 1.

12. (previously presented): A method of installing a monitoring system characterised by the step of installing an access control device as claimed in claim 1.

13. (new) An access control device including:  
electronic identification means, and  
an audio communications device; wherein the electronic identification means and the audio communications device are configured to access a common physical communications system,

wherein the access control device controls access to a physical area or region, and

wherein the audio communications device includes the ability to play pre-stored audio clips.